

SCENE 28 • NUMBER 7

Platform two

Last night Tom left you a voicemail with the plan: the 9:12 from platform 2, back at 17:40. "Please buy two return tickets. I'm there at 8:57." Sunday, 8:50: you buy the tickets. 8:57: there he is.

110 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Around town

English

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LEARNING GOAL

I can buy a train ticket, ask when and where the train leaves, and understand an announcement.

Tom = ■ Lena (Lukas) = O Emma = ▲

- Good evening. Tom here. The plan: departure at nine twelve, return at seventeen forty. Platform two.
- Buy two return tickets. I arrive at eight fifty-seven.

Sunday, ten to nine, at the ticket window.

○ Good morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.

▲ Single or return?

○ Return. Is the train on platform two?

▲ Yes. At nine twelve. Twenty-four pounds altogether.

○ When does it return?

▲ At seventeen forty. Here is the timetable.

At exactly 8:57, Tom arrives with a rucksack and a thermos.

■ Good morning. Eight fifty-seven. Exactly according to plan.

○ Here are our two tickets.

■ Excellent. You're on time today.

An announcement echoes through the station.

▲ Sorry. The train to Long Lake is not running today. It's cancelled.

○ Cancelled? What does that mean?

■ It isn't running today.

○ What now?

■ Plan B. I always have a plan B.

Vocabulary

DOING THINGS

leave	leave
come by car	come (by vehicle: come to the capital)
mean	mean

SMALL WORDS

exactly	exactly
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LIFE AND WORK

plan	plan
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PLACES IN TOWN

platform	platform
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WHAT THINGS AND PEOPLE ARE LIKE

cancelled	cancelled
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EVERYDAY THINGS

timetable	timetable
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GETTING AROUND

ticket	ticket
return ticket	return (ticket)
single ticket	one way (ticket)

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING**L1) WHO SAYS IT**

Read the dialogue again. Who says these words? Tick the right person.

1 Buy two return tickets. I arrive at eight fifty-seven.

- ☐ A Lena
- ☐ B Emma
- ☐ C Tom

2 Good morning. Eight fifty-seven. Exactly according to plan.

- ☐ A Lena
- ☐ B Tom
- ☐ C Emma

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Tick the right English meaning.

1 Good morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.

- ☐ (A) Plan B. I always have a plan B.
- ☐ (B) Buy two return tickets. I arrive at eight fifty-seven.
- ☐ (C) Good morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.

2 Excellent. You're on time today.

- ☐ (A) Good morning. Eight fifty-seven. Exactly according to plan.
- ☐ (B) Cancelled? What does that mean?
- ☐ (C) Excellent. You're on time today.

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT

Tick the right English sentence.

1 Return. Is the train on platform two?

- ☐ (A) Return. Is the train on platform two?
- ☐ (B) Excellent. You're on time today.
- ☐ (C) Good evening. Tom here. The plan: departure at nine twelve, return at seventeen forty. Platform two.

2 Cancelled? What does that mean?

- ☐ A Sorry. The train to Long Lake is not running today. It's cancelled.
- ☐ B Plan B. I always have a plan B.
- ☐ C Cancelled? What does that mean?

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Write the words in the right order on the line.

- 1**

- 2**

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST

Number the lines in the order they come in the scene.

- ☐ At seventeen forty. Here is the timetable.
- ☐ Excellent. You're on time today.
- ☐ Good morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.
- ☐ Return. Is the train on platform two?
- ☐ It isn't running today.

SCENE 28 • WORDS

Platform two

Platform two

4 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

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plan
plan



platform
platform



ticket
ticket



return ticket
return (ticket)



single ticket
one way (ticket)



leave
leave



come by car
come (by
vehicle: come
to the capital)



timetable
timetable



cancelled
cancelled



mean
mean

Words

plan

plan

Plan B. I always have a plan B.

platform

platform

Return. Is the train on platform two?

ticket

ticket

Here are our two tickets.

return ticket

return (ticket)

single ticket

one way (ticket)

leave

leave

come by car

come (by vehicle: come to the capital)

timetable

timetable

At seventeen forty. Here is the timetable.

exactly

exactly

Good morning. Eight fifty-seven. Exactly according to plan.

cancelled

cancelled

Cancelled? What does that mean?

mean

mean

Cancelled? What does that mean?

VOCABULARY & COMMUNICATION**W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

What does it mean?

1 return ticket

- ☐ A friendly
- ☐ B return (ticket)
- ☐ C six

2 leave

- ☐ A leave
- ☐ B next to
- ☐ C market

3 mean

- ☐ A lamp
- ☐ B book
- ☐ C mean

4 timetable

- ☐ A take (take hold of)
- ☐ B parents
- ☐ C timetable

5 come by car

- ☐ A come (by vehicle: come to the capital)
- ☐ B platform
- ☐ C sleep

6 platform

- ☐ A now
- ☐ B can (be able to)
- ☐ C platform

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Buy Single Good Return

_____ two return tickets. I arrive at eight fifty-seven.

Meaning: Buy two return tickets. I arrive at eight fifty-seven.

Good Single Buy Return

_____ morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.

Meaning: Good morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.

Good Return Buy Single

_____ or return?

Meaning: Single or return?

Single Good Return Buy

_____. Is the train on platform two?

Meaning: Return. Is the train on platform two?

nine Good Buy Single

Yes. At _____ twelve. Twenty-four pounds altogether.

Meaning: Yes. At nine twelve. Twenty-four pounds altogether.

W3) MY HOLIDAY STARTS TODAY! A TICKET TO LONG LAKE, PLEASE.

Fill the speech bubbles.



Oh Cancelled Sorry holiday

Tom: My _____ starts today! A ticket to Long Lake, please.

Emma: _____, the train's cancelled today.

Tom: _____? But I never change my plan!

Tom: _____, all right ... I'll go by bike today.

Meaning: 1. My holiday starts today! A ticket to Long Lake, please.

2. Sorry, the train's cancelled today.

3. Cancelled? But I never change my plan!

4. Oh, all right ... I'll go by bike today.

W4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Single Good Return Buy

_____ two return tickets. I arrive at eight fifty-seven.

Meaning: Buy two return tickets. I arrive at eight fifty-seven.

Single Return Buy Good

_____ morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.

Meaning: Good morning. Two tickets to Long Lake, please.

Good Single Return Buy

_____ or return?

Meaning: Single or return?

Return Single Buy Good

_____. Is the train on platform two?

Meaning: Return. Is the train on platform two?

Good Single nine Buy

Yes. At _____ twelve. Twenty-four pounds altogether.

Meaning: Yes. At nine twelve. Twenty-four pounds altogether.

SCENE 28 • GRAMMAR

when, what time, which

Travel questions and choosing

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Travel questions and choosing

Ask **What time does the train leave?** for a precise clock time and **When does it leave?** for a more general departure time. After **does**, keep base **leave**.

Use **which** for a choice from a known set: **Which platform?**, **Which train?** Use **where** for a destination or location: **Where does this train go?**.

Ticket requests use a countable noun: **a single ticket**, **two return tickets**. British **return ticket** means an outward and return journey; **single** means one way.

Form	Example	Meaning
does	What time does the train leave?	Ask a precise departure time.
leave	When does the train leave?	Ask about departure.
Which	Which platform is it?	Ask for a platform from the numbered choices.
does	Where does this train go?	Ask the train's destination.
tickets	Two return tickets, please.	Ask for two tickets covering both directions.
single	A single ticket, please.	Ask for a one-way ticket.

What time does the train leave?

Ask a precise departure time.

When does the train leave?

Ask about departure.

Which platform is it?

Ask for a platform from the numbered choices.

Where does this train go?

Ask the train's destination.

Two return tickets, please.

Ask for two tickets covering both directions.

A single ticket, please.

Ask for a one-way ticket.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 What time does the train leave?

Meaning: Ask a precise departure time.

2 When does the train leave?

Meaning: Ask about departure.

3 Which platform is it?

Meaning: Ask for a platform from the numbered choices.

4 Where does this train go?

Meaning: Ask the train's destination.

5 Two return tickets, please.

Meaning: Ask for two tickets covering both directions.

6 A single ticket, please.

Meaning: Ask for a one-way ticket.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 What time _____ the train leave?

- ☐ A does
- ☐ B is
- ☐ C do

Meaning: Ask a precise departure time.

2 When does the train _____?

- ☐ A leave
- ☐ B leaving
- ☐ C leaves

Meaning: Ask about departure.

3 _____ platform is it?

- ☐ A Who
- ☐ B Which
- ☐ C How much

Meaning: Ask for a platform from the numbered choices.

4 Where _____ this train go?

- ☐ A does
- ☐ B do
- ☐ C are

Meaning: Ask the train's destination.

5 Two return _____, please.

- ☐ A ticketes
- ☐ B tickets
- ☐ C ticket

Meaning: Ask for two tickets covering both directions.

6 A _____ ticket, please.

- ☐ A single
- ☐ B singles
- ☐ C singling

Meaning: Ask for a one-way ticket.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

does do

What time _____ the train leave?

Meaning: Ask a precise departure time.

leave leaves

When does the train _____?

Meaning: Ask about departure.

Which Who

_____ platform is it?

Meaning: Ask for a platform from the numbered choices.

does do

Where _____ this train go?

Meaning: Ask the train's destination.

tickets ticket

Two return _____, please.

Meaning: Ask for two tickets covering both directions.

single singles

A _____ ticket, please.

Meaning: Ask for a one-way ticket.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 the train does time What leave?

Meaning: Ask a precise departure time.

- 2 does leave? the train When

Meaning: Ask about departure.

- 3 Which platform it? is

Meaning: Ask for a platform from the numbered choices.

- 4 does train this Where go?

Meaning: Ask the train's destination.

- 5 please. return tickets, Two

Meaning: Ask for two tickets covering both directions.

- 6 single A ticket, please.

Meaning: Ask for a one-way ticket.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Ask a precise departure time. You say:

- ☐ A What time does the train leave?
- ☐ B What time do the train leave?

2 Ask about departure. You say:

- ☐ A When does the train leaves?
- ☐ B When does the train leave?

3 Ask for a platform from the numbered choices. You say:

- Ⓐ Which platform is it?
- Ⓑ Who platform is it?

4 Ask the train's destination. You say:

- Ⓐ Where does this train go?
- Ⓑ Where do this train go?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| ① A single ticket, please. | Ⓐ Ask about departure. |
| ② What time does the train leave? | Ⓑ Ask for a platform from the numbered choices. |
| ③ Which platform is it? | Ⓒ Ask the train's destination. |
| ④ Two return tickets, please. | Ⓓ Ask a precise departure time. |

- ⑤ When does the train leave?
- ⑥ Where does this train go?
- ⑤ Ask for a one-way ticket.
- ⑥ Ask for two tickets covering both directions.